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COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are committed to achieve the target of 500 million telephone lines by 2010;

(b) if so, the efforts proposed to be made to achieve the target;

(c) whether any proposals have been put forward to revise the existing target of 150 million lines to 500 million by 2010; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) The Government proposes to achieve a status of approximately 174.5 million lines both (fixed and mobile) by the year 2010 with the participation of Private Sector.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.